

Enhanced NBC (E-NBC) Capability

DESCRIPTION

The E-NBC Capability program resulted from the Commandant of the Marine Corps' Planning Guidance Frag Order dated 31 August 1997 in which he directed the Chemical, Biological Incident Response Force (CBIRF) to focus its efforts on "developing countermeasure and force-protection training and equipment support packages for deploying MEU's (SOC)." An initiative to field the 13th MEU (SOC) with an initial enhanced NBC package complete with new equipment training, contractor logistics support, and an OCONUS Weapons of Mass Destruction operational scenario evaluation (potentially using CBIRF as a follow-on augmentation force) is being developed to occur in FY00. An E-NBC capability set includes such items as a self contained breathing apparatus, Level A protective suit, Level B coveralls, powered air purifying respirator, protective footwear and other miscellaneous equipment.

PROCUREMENT PROFILE:	FY00	FY01
<i>Quantity:</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>6</i>

OPERATIONAL IMPACT

The 13th MEU (SOC) E-NBC capability initiative will provide valuable lessons learned in the areas of equipment suitability, embarkation, training, maintenance support, and concept of employment prior to full scale fielding of the E-NBC capability to subsequent MEU (SOC) s.

PROGRAM STATUS

IOC for Phase I is scheduled for FY00 with FOC in FY01.

DEVELOPER/MANUFACTURER

Various